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SUBJ: COMINFORMISTS INTENDED TO FORM NEW PARTY, INVITE  
INTERVENTION

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1. SUMMARY: LATEST WEEK OF HOSTILE FORCES CAMPAIGN HAS BROUGHT FURTHER REVELATIONS OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AND GOY REACTION. SMALL GROUP OF COMINFORMISTS WERE FOUND TO BE FORMING "NEW COMMUNIST PARTY" WHICH WOULD SEEK FOREIGN INTERVENTION TO BRING ITSELF TO POWER. IN SPITE OF ASSURANCES FROM UNSPECIFIED FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS THAT THEY ARE NOT SUPPORTING UNFRIENDLY EMIGRES, LCY OFFICIALS WARN THAT EMIGRE ACTIVITIES CAN AFFECT RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES. END SUMMARY.

2. VICE-PRESIDENT VLADIMIR BAKARIC, IN SPEECH TO CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF CROATIAN LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS, SAID THAT NEO-COMINFORMISTS TRIED TO FORM THEIR OWN CENTRAL COMMITTEE. THEY HOPED THAT EXISTENCE OF ILLEGAL COMMUNIST PARTY  
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WOULD ADD "ELEMENT OF INSTABILITY" AND AIMED TO INVITE

FOREIGN INTERVENTION TO PUT THEMSELVES INTO POWER.  
SOVIETS ARE SELF-EVIDENTLY ONLY ONES BAKARIC HAS IN MIND.

3. MEMBER OF LCY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MIRKO POPOVIC IN  
INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN NOV 23 ISSUE OF WEEKLY NEWS  
MAGAZINE NIN SAID THAT SMALL GROUP OF COMINFORMISTS HAD  
ORGANIZED ILLEGALLY AND TRIED TO EXPAND INFLUENCE THROUGH  
PROPAGANDA IN WHICH THEY DESCRIBED THEMSELVES AS "NEW  
COMMUNIST PARTY."

4. SPEAKING TO SAME MEETING WHICH BAKARIC ADDRESSED,  
PRESIDENT OF CROATIAN LC MILKA PLANINC SAID THAT COMIN-  
FORMISTS ARE NOT SIGNIFICANT THREAT BY THEMSELVES BUT  
THAT LC MUST REACT STRONGLY TO INSURE THAT THEIR IDEAS  
DO NOT SPREAD. SHE SAID THEY COUNTED PARTICULARLY ON  
PROponents OF "STATE SOCIALISM" AND ON EXPLOITING  
DIFFICULTIES IN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

5. BOTH POPOVIC AND PLANINC GAVE SOME DETAILS OF  
COMPOSITION OF COMINFORMISTS. POPOVIC SAID THAT BAR GROUP  
AND "NEWLY DISCOVERED GROUP" MAINLY COMPRISED OF OLDER  
PEOPLE, USUALLY WHITE COLLAR WORKERS OR INTELLECTUALS,  
INCLUDING LAWYERS, PENSIONERS, DOCTORS AND TEACHERS.  
WHILE BAR GROUP CONTAINED ONE WORKER, NONE ARE IN NEW  
UNIT. PLANINC SAID THAT NEO-COMINFORMISTS COMBINE  
ELEMENTS FROM 1950'S COMINFORMIST MOVEMENT AND SOME  
NEW ADHERENTS.

6. REGARDING GOY ACTION AGAINST COMINFORMISTS, POPOVIC  
SAID THAT THEY WILL BE TRIED AND THEIR ACTIVITIES AND  
GOALS SPECIFIED AT THAT TIME. PRESS REPORTS THAT LC  
OFFICIAL FROM COMMUNE OF NOVI SAD ANNOUNCED ARREST OF  
NINE COMINFORMISTS IN VOJVODINA, TWO OF THEM BEING FROM  
NOVI SAD ITSELF.

7. OTHER HOSTILE GROUPS HAVE NOT BEEN OVERLOOKED IN  
RECENT SPEECHES AND ARTICLES. PLANINC SPECIFICALLY  
MENTIONED REACTIONARY CLERICS AS THREAT. SHE ALSO CITED  
USTASHI, CHETNIK, ALBANIAN AND MACEDONIAN EMIGRANTS.  
SHE ACCUSED CROATIAN NATIONALISTS PURGED FROM LC IN  
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1971 OF BEING USTASHI ACCOMPLICES AND SAID THAT USTASHI  
FORCED TO INCREASE ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES AFTER THEIR FALL  
FROM POWER. ANOTHER SPEAKER AT CROATIAN LC MEETING SAID  
THAT ABOUT 60 PEOPLE ARE NOW HELD BY CROATIAN  
SECURITY ORGANS FOR USTASHI TERRORIST ACTIVITIES.

8. THROUGHOUT, CAMPAIGN HAS EMPHASIZED FOREIGN SUPPORTERS  
OF SUBVERSIVES. BAKARIC REVEALED THAT GOY HAS ON A NUMBER

OF OCCASIONS ASKED "CERTAIN GOVERNMENTS" TO CLARIFY THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO SUBVERSIVE EMIGRE ACTIVITIES. HE SAID THAT REPLIES HAVE BEEN FAVORABLE AND CHARACTERIZED AS "INCORRECT" SPECULATION THAT YUGOSLAVS TRAVELING PATH OF STRAINING RELATIONS WITH USSR OR "OTHER COUNTRIES". HE SAID THAT THE GOY SEEKS GOOD RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES BUT THAT EXPECTATIONS BY SUBVERSIVES OF SUPPORT FROM OTHER STATES COMPLICATE RELATIONS "BETWEEN US AND OUR DIRECT NEIGHBORS, BETWEEN US AND THE SOVIET UNION, AND BETWEEN US AND THE UNITED STATES, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND AUSTRALIA, WHERE OTHER GROUPS ARE ASSEMBLING."

9. POPOVIC INTERVIEW IN NIN LIKEWISE CLOSES WITH DISCUSSION OF EFFECT OF EXTREMIST EMIGRANTS ON STATE-TO-STATE RELATIONS. POPOVIC SAYS THAT YUGOSLAVIA DESIRES GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF COUNTRIES WHERE EMIGRANTS HAVE SETTLED. EMIGRE ACTIVITIES, HOWEVER, CAN HARM THESE RELATIONS, AND BOTH SIDES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DOING SOMETHING ABOUT THEM. "IF WE REALLY WANT TO DEVELOP AND ADVANCE GOOD RELATIONS, AND WE ALL SAY THAT WE DO, THEN THE ELEMENTS WHICH DESTROY THOSE RELATIONS, SUCH AS THE HOSTILE ACTIVITIES OF IMMIGRANTS, MUST BE REMOVED."  
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